

## Region 1 Weekly Highlights | January 14, 2022

### AIR DIVISION Executive Highlights

Section 1: Items for the Administrator's action, decision and/or signing over the next two weeks in chronological order.

- DATE(TBD) TEXT (R1 POC: Division Director (DD) Contact)
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Section 2: Items that the Assistant Administrator, Regional Administrator or Associate Administrator signed over the last week and/or plan on signing over the next two weeks in chronological order.

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### Section 3: Hot Topics

- Major policy, regulatory, compliance, or enforcement activities
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- Major events, emergencies/incidents, or meetings
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### Section 4: Miscellaneous

- Major concerns/challenges (e.g., an impasse with customers/partners/stakeholders)
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For RA/DRA only (optional)

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# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

## Air Permits Toxics and Indoor Programs Branch

### Region 1 Issues Final CAA OCS Air Permit for South Fork Windfarm

On Jan 18, Region 1 approved the final Clean Air Act Outer Continental Shelf air quality permit for South Fork Wind, LLC (South Fork). The South Fork windfarm will be a 130-megawatt (MW) windfarm constructed in federal waters on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), southwest of Martha's Vineyard, MA and will have an alternating current electric cable connected to the electric grid in East Hampton, NY. The permit consists of control requirements for air pollution during the construction and operation of the windfarm. EPA's approval is in concert with other federal approvals for the project, including the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) Record of Decision on the South Fork Wind Farm Construction and Operations Plan, which was released on Nov 24, 2021. EPA received comments on the draft permit that were generally supportive of the agency's proposed decision to remove the requirement to obtain offsets for construction emissions, along with comments requesting technical corrections from the Permittee. This permitting action supports the administration's goals of achieving 30 GW of offshore wind energy by 2030.

### Region 1 Air Permitting Team Attends FPISC Webinar on Offshore Wind

On Jan 20, staff from Region 1's air division will attend an Offshore Wind 101 webinar hosted by the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC). FPISC is hosting the virtual "Industry Day" for interested staff or managers to hear from offshore wind energy providers. The invited companies will share information about technologies, design, and operations related to the industry sector. The webinar was attended by other Regions and HQs staff as well.

## American Rescue Plan Ambient Air Monitoring Grants Competition

On Jan 11, Pat Bird, Eugene Benoit, and Madeline Isenberg attended the American Rescue Plan Air Quality Monitoring Grants Webinar. The Webinar discussed the \$20 million in American Rescue Plan Funding that EPA is soliciting applications from eligible entities in order to conduct ambient air monitoring of pollutants of greatest concern in communities with environmental and health outcome disparities stemming from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants, including states and communities, had the opportunity to have their questions answered by EPA in public forum. Applications accepted through Feb 25.

Follow-Up Call with Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Tribe re: Air Sensors

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Grants and Program Support Branch

Social Media (twitter, Facebook, blog) Submissions

Format Sample for Optional Social Media Submissions

SAMPLE Drinking Water – Merrimack Winner!

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Congratulations to Merrimack Village Water District voted tastiest water in NH at the Granite State Rural Water Association Conference recently held in Sunapee NH. Jane Downing of EPA was one of the Water Taste Test judges.

Hyperlink Text: Tell your neighbors, friends and loved ones to Test, Fix and prevent a lung cancer.

Link: <https://www.epa.gov/radon>